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Marc Lamont Hill is known around Philadelphia as an insightful commentator on behalf of social justice causes, appearing on CNN and the Huffington Post to discuss issues of the day when he's not serving up java at Uncle Bobbie's, his year-old Germantown cafe and bookshop. But he has taken serious heat nationwide after heading straight from a Thanksgiving visit in Palestine to the U.N., where a speech he delivered that criticized Israeli policies promptly got him fired from his post at CNN. Hill released an apology over the weekend, even as national media figures rushed to his defense on First Amendment grounds. ***Read more inside and on metrophilly.us.***

GOOGLE CEO HEARING IN HOUSE LIKELY POSTPONED

1 The U.S. House Judiciary Committee will likely put off until next week a hearing with Google Chief Executive Sundar Pichai on the Alphabet Inc. unit's social media practices because of the state funeral of former President George H.W. Bush, Chairman Bob Goodlatte said on Sunday. Pichai had agreed to testify before the panel over Republican concerns that the company is biased against conservatives after it skipped a high-profile Senate hearing. Google has denied it is biased toward conservatives. The hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, the same day a state funeral will be held for Bush at the National Cathedral in Washington. Goodlatte said in an interview with Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures" that he expected the hearing to be rescheduled for next week. "But we expect that to occur and it's very, very important that it does occur," he said. In addition to queries about possible political bias, lawmakers may also examine Google's potential investments in China. Google previously told U.S. lawmakers it was considering options to offer additional services in China, but declined to detail plans for addressing Chinese censorship.

NEXSTAR CLINCHES $4.1B DEAL TO ACQUIRE TRIBUNE

2 Nexstar Media Group Inc. has reached an agreement to acquire Tribune Media Co. for about $4.1 billion, a deal which would make it the largest local U.S. TV station operator, people familiar with the matter said on Sunday. Nexstar's acquisition would come just three months after Tribune's $3.9 billion deal to sell itself to Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., currently the largest U.S. local TV station operator, collapsed over regulatory hurdles. Nexstar outbid private-equity firm Apollo Global Management LLC with an all-cash offer that values Tribune at around $46.50 per share, three sources said. Tribune shares ended trading on Friday at $40.26. Nexstar, which has a market capitalization of $3.8 billion, has lined up banks to provide debt financing for the deal, the sources added. The agreement between Nexstar and Tribune Media could be announced by Monday, according to the sources. The sources asked not to be identified because the matter is confidential. Tribune and Apollo declined to comment, while Nexstar and Sinclair did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

TOXIC INDUSTRIAL WASTE-FOAM FORMS IN INDIA'S YAMUNA RIVER

3 A man walks on a bridge amid a large amount of toxic industrial waste-foam formed along the banks of the polluted Yamuna River on Sunday in New Delhi, India.

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TRUMP 'LIKES' KIM AND WILL 'FULFILL WISHES'

4 Donald Trump wants North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to know that he likes him and will fulfill his wishes, South Korea's President Moon Jae-in said on Sunday, a day after meeting the U.S. president at an economic summit in Argentina. Moon, who is hoping to host Kim soon on the first-ever trip to Seoul by a North Korean leader as agreed earlier this year, said Trump had asked him to pass on a message. "The message is that President Trump has very favorable views toward Chairman Kim and he likes him," Moon told reporters aboard a flight from Argentina to New Zealand, where he started a three-day state visit on Sunday. "As such, he asked me to tell Chairman Kim that he wants to implement the rest of their agreement together and he will fulfill Chairman Kim's wishes." Trump, who met Kim in Singapore in June, said on Saturday that he is likely to meet the North Korean leader for a second time in January or February, with three sites for their meeting under consideration. "We're getting along very well. We have a good relationship," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on his return from the G20 summit.

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World remembers former President George H.W. Bush

Bush died late Friday at the age of 94.

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Tributes to former President George H.W. Bush, who died Friday at the age of 94, poured in from around the world on Saturday as global leaders honored him for his role in helping to end the Cold War and reduce the threat of nuclear annihilation.

Bush, the 41st U.S. president, who served in the office from 1989 to 1993, also routed President Saddam Hussein's Iraqi army in the 1991 Gulf War but lost his chance for a second term in the White House after breaking a no-new-taxes pledge.

"Many of my memories are linked to him," said Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, with whom Bush signed a strategic arms reduction treaty that scaled back the two countries' nuclear arsenals.

"We happened to work together in years of great changes. It was a dramatic time, demanding huge responsibility from everyone," Russia's Interfax news agency quoted Gorbachev as saying.

Bush, who also served for eight years as vice president during Ronald Reagan's two-term presidency and earlier as head of the CIA, died on Friday night at his home in Houston. His death was announced by his longtime spokesman Jim McGrath.

Speaking in Buenos Aires, President Donald Trump called Bush "a high-quality man."

"He was a very fine man. I met him on numerous occasions. He was just a high-quality man who truly loved his family," Trump told reporters at a G20 summit in Buenos Aires. "He was a terrific guy and he'll be missed. He led a full life, and a very exemplary life, too."

The White House said a state funeral will be held on Wednesday at the National Cathedral in Washington. Trump, who plans to attend the funeral with first lady Melania Trump, also designated Wednesday as a national day of mourning, and ordered the lowering of the American flag for 30 days.

Former presidents lauded Bush. "His administration was marked by grace, civility and social conscience," former President Jimmy Carter said. REUTERS

Memorials for Bush set up at his Texas presidential library, throughout US

Flowers are left at the base of a statue of President George H.W. Bush on the campus of Texas A&M University outside the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Center on Saturday in College Station, Texas. Bush, who died last Friday, will be buried next to his wife Barbara at the library on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

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Comey drops challenge to House panel subpoena

The former FBI director is considered a key witness against Trump.

Former FBI Director James Comey on Sunday withdrew his bid to quash a congressional subpoena compelling him to testify in secret about the bureau's decisions on investigations ahead of the 2016 presidential election, his lawyer said.

Comey agreed to sit down for a closed-door deposition on Friday. Republicans on the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee pledged to provide Comey with a full transcript within 24 hours of his testimony, and he will be permitted to "make any or all of that transcript public," Comey's lawyer David Kelley told Reuters in a statement.

In addition, a representative from the FBI will attend to help advise Comey on what matters related to the bureau he may divulge.

Comey and the Republican lawmakers reached the new agreement the day before lawyers were to appear at a court hearing. Earlier on Sunday, committee chairman Bob Goodlatte said he expected Comey to drop the legal challenge.

A judge had been set to issue a ruling on Comey's request to quash the subpoena and halt congressional proceedings — a request that has never previously been granted by a judge in the United States.

At the heart of the case is whether the panel should be able to force Comey to testify in secret about the FBI's investigations into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server and whether President Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russia.

The Republican-led inquiry has been lambasted by Democrats as a partisan effort to undermine Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

Moscow denies meddling and Trump denies campaign collusion, calling the Mueller investigation a political "witch hunt."

Comey, who was fired by Trump in May 2017, is seen as an important witness into whether Trump tried to obstruct the special counsel's investigation.

Republicans have said the FBI is biased against Trump, pointing to Comey's decision to publicly announce the FBI would not bring charges against Clinton.

They have also claimed that the FBI made missteps when it applied for a warrant to place former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page under surveillance.

A Justice Department inspector general report earlier this year criticized Comey for his handling of the Clinton matter, but said he did not exhibit political bias.

Kelley argued in court on Friday that Republicans are violating U.S. House rules by not holding a public hearing where all committee members can ask questions.

Kelley accused lawmakers of pushing for a closed hearing so they can selectively leak portions of Comey's testimony to undermine Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the election.

But Thomas Hungar, a lawyer for the U.S. House of Representatives, said a 1975 Supreme Court case known as Eastland v. U.S. Servicemen's Fund made it clear that the Speech or Debate Clause in the U.S. Constitution provides for complete immunity for the issuance of such subpoenas. REUTERS

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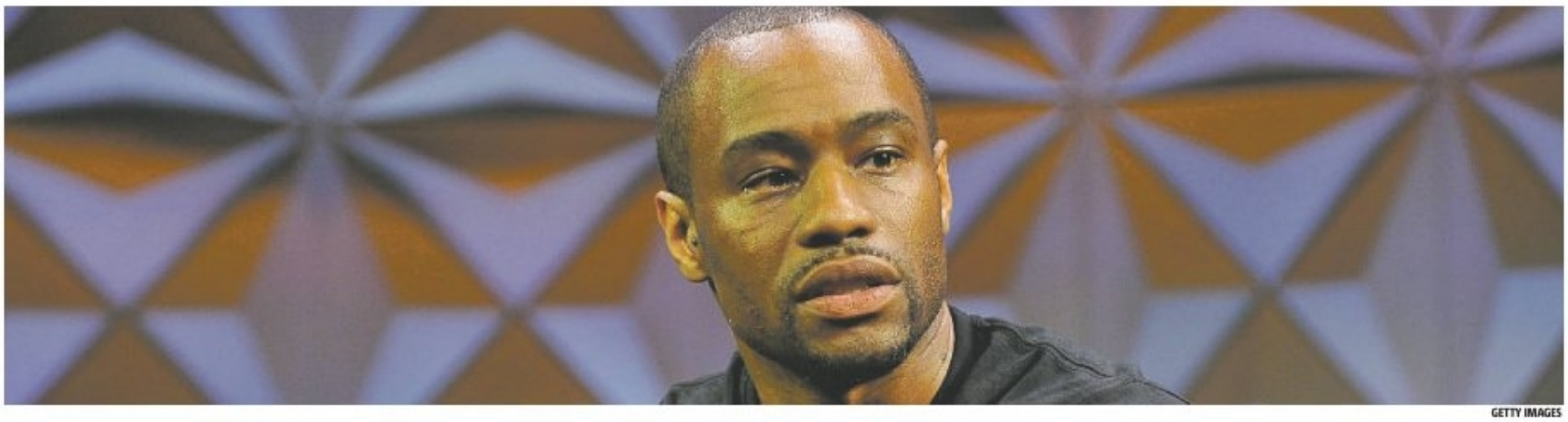

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Marc Lamont Hill fired by CNN after UN speech on Palestine

National activists rally to support the Philly native after losing his job as a commentator for CNN following a controversial speech in favor of Palestinian rights.

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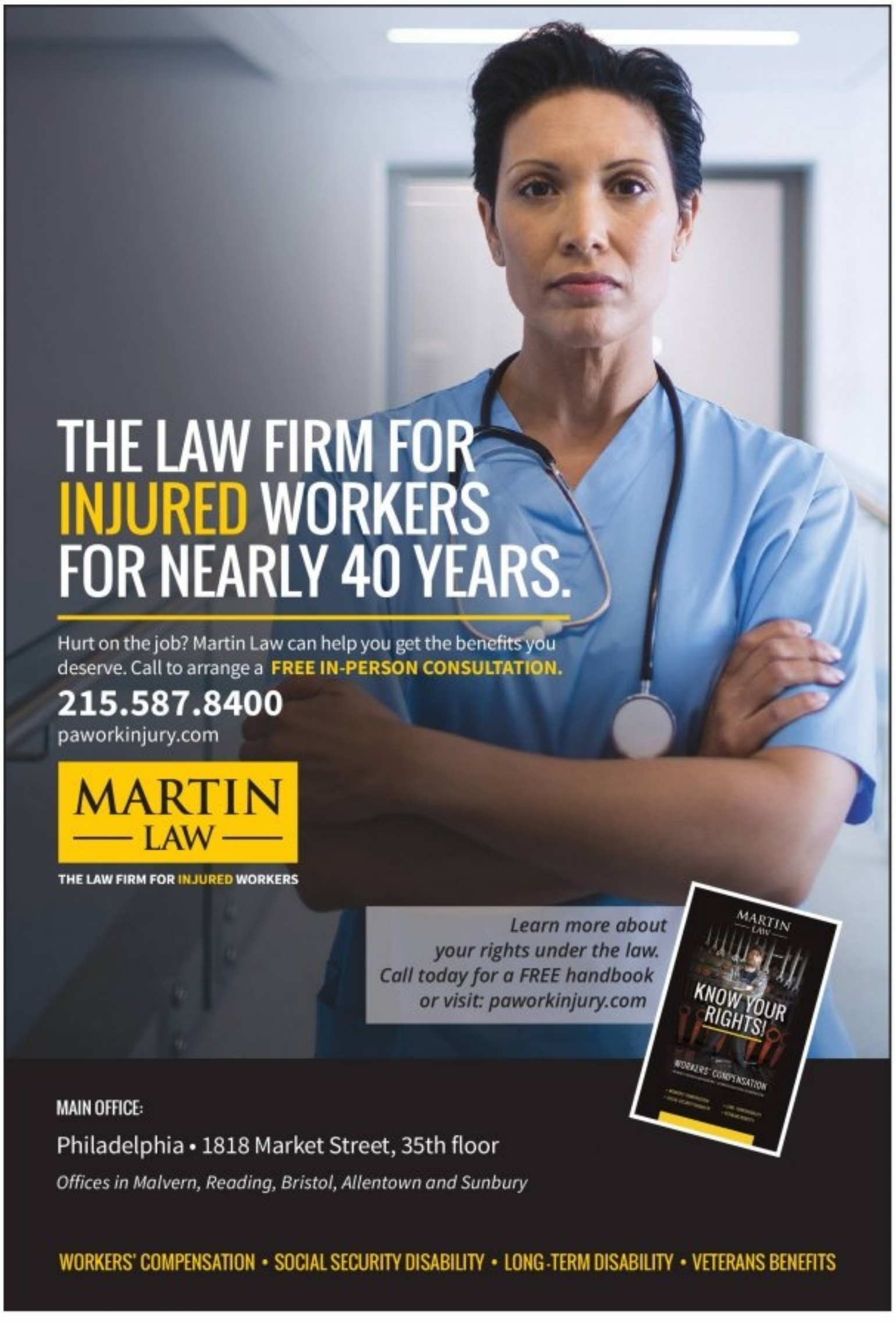
Philly native and Temple professor Marc Lamont Hill just celebrated the one-year anniversary of the opening of Uncle Bobbie's Books and Coffee on Nov. 27, the Germantown coffee shop and bookstore that is a tribute to black-owned bookstores he frequented during his youth and to his inspiring, educational relationship with his late Uncle Bobbie Lee Hill.

But Hill is making national news not for his business thriving as a community hub serving up great coffee, but for being fired from his long-held position as a CNN commentator after he gave a passionate speech in defense of Palestinian rights at the United Nations, which has also received criticism from domestic Jewish groups like the Anti-Defamation League and the National Council of Young Israel, who called the speech anti-Semitic. (His apology over the speech was published in an Inquirer op-ed.)

Particular ire was sparked by Hill's closing line, for the wording of which he later apologized: "We have an opportunity to not just offer solidarity in words, but to commit to political action, grassroots action, local action and international action which will give us what justice requires, and that is a free Palestine, from the river to the sea."

The phrase "from the river to the sea" has been used as a slogan by militant Palestinian groups like Hamas and the PLO, and understood by some to mean an eradication of the ever-controversial state of Israel, founded in 1948. Hill took to Twitter to deny the accusations against him, calling accusations that he had called for the destruction of Israel "absurd."

"'River to the sea is a phrase that precedes Hamas by more than 50 years," he tweeted. "I was talking about full citizenship rights IN Israel and a redrawing of the pre-1967 borders. ... I concluded my remarks with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"Rather than hearing a political solution, many heard a dog-whistle that conjured a long and deep history of violence against Jewish people. ... For that, I am deeply sorry."

Marc Lamont Hill, in a Philly.com op-ed

a call to free Palestine from river to sea. This means that all areas of historic Palestine — e.g., West Bank, Gaza, Israel — must be spaces of freedom, safety, and peace for Palestinians."

On Nov. 29, a CNN representative confirmed that the network had ended its contract with Hill. They did not specify a reason or aspect of Hill's speech which led to their decision.

In an op-ed published Dec. 1 on Philly.com, Hill denied any anti-Semitic intentions, but apologized for any offense his words had caused: "Rather than hearing a political solution, many heard a dog-whistle that conjured a long and deep history of violence against Jewish people. Although this was the furthest thing from my intent, those particular words clearly caused confusion, anger, fear, and other forms of harm. For that, I am deeply sorry."

In general, Hill's speech, given at the United Nations' Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People during the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, was heavily critical of Israel's policies, its treatment of Palestinians, and the circumstances of its founding. Hill drew parallels between the 70th anniversary of the U.N.'s founding with a "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" and the 70th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel, in which he asserted that Palestinians have been denied these same rights since the declaration was first made.

Hill, who noted in the speech and on his social media accounts that he visited Palestine over Thanksgiving, at one point paused to have a drink of water, before asking to be excused for his thirst — telling the crowd he had just gotten off a flight from Palestine, and had been "boycotting Israeli water."

An outcry quickly arose after Hill's firing by CNN, with many supporters on social media rushing to Hill's defense.

Journalist Glenn Greenwald, famed for his publication of stories based on documents leaked by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden, accused CNN of caving to the "right-wing outrage machine." One petition demanding CNN rehire Hill had garnered some 7,300 signatures by Friday afternoon; another petition had 2,200 signatures.

Temple University, for its part, stood by Hill: "He has a constitutionally protected right to express his opinion as a private citizen," Temple said in a statement. "Marc Lamont Hill has been quoted extensively over the last 24 hours. Marc Lamont Hill does not represent Temple University and his views are his own."

BRIEF

NFL never spoke to Hunt, alleged victim: Report

The NFL did not interview running back Kareem Hunt nor the woman he allegedly assaulted when it investigated an offseason incident at a hotel in Cleveland, according to an ESPN report.

The Kansas City Chiefs released Hunt shortly after the league announced he had been placed on the Commissioner's Exempt list following the release of surveillance video of the incident.

Multiple outlets reported that the Chiefs sent Hunt home from the facility on Friday after learning the video had been released. Additional reports indicate the NFL and Chiefs have been aware of the existence of the video, but it is not known whether the league or team viewed the footage. However, the league released a statement Friday evening in which it called the video "new information."

According to the ESPN report, the league never sought an interview with Hunt after multiple witnesses said he was not involved in the February incident. The league reportedly did reach out to the woman on multiple occasions, but was rebuffed.

The incident occurred at The Metropolitan at 3:22 a.m. on Feb. 10, and involved then-19-year-old Abigail Ottinger from Berea, Ohio.

In the video, originally posted on TMZ, Hunt appears to come around a corner outside his rented room to confront Ottinger with a hard shove. The woman hits him in the face and Hunt becomes enraged. REUTERS

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Thomas Massey, an alleged Philly Antifa member, is facing charges for an alleged assault on Marine reservists during the Nov. 17 "We the People" rally in Old City.
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Alleged Antifa member charged with Marine assault

Thomas Massey surrenders to Philly police to face assault charges.

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Another Philadelphia man who is believed to be active in the Antifa movement has turned himself in to face charges related to an alleged assault and robbery near the "We the People" rally in Old City on Nov. 17.

Thomas Massey, 32, of West Philadelphia, surrendered on Nov. 28 to face charges for the alleged incident on the 100 block of Chestnut Street, in which a group of U.S. Marine reservists some blocks from the rally have said they were assaulted by a group of men and women calling them "Nazis" and "white supremacists." One complainant said their phone was stolen.

The incident happened blocks away from the "We the People" rally — a tiny event organized by a local conservative Facebook group that attracted hundreds of leftist-aligned protesters after rumors spread that the event was organized by the controversial, conservative, Trump-supporting "Proud Boys."

Massey is charged with two counts each of criminal conspiracy, aggravated assault and terroristic threats for the incident. He was freed on bail of $10,000 after posting 10 percent, according to court records.

Last week, Thomas Keenan, 32, surrendered to face charges for the same incident. They are two of three white males identified in surveillance video as participating in the alleged assault, according to Philadelphia police.

Both Keenan and Massey are mentioned frequently online on conservative, right-wing and white supremacists websites as members of Antifa. Some lists have Keenan and Massey's names marked with an asterisk, allegedly indicating Antifa members whom these groups consider dangerous. They are also listed online as members of Philly "ARA" (Anti-Racist Action).

On Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington, D.C., Massey was among 230 protesters arrested and charged with rioting for protests at President Donald Trump's inauguration, according to The Washington Post.

"I think there should have been more violence yesterday," Massey told the Post in a Jan. 21, 2017, on-the-record interview. Massey reportedly acknowledged the protest was violent, saying, "There were some rocks thrown, " and added that he hoped future protests would be "more successful. I'll get to punch a Nazi. I didn't get to do that yesterday. The police stopped me." (Felony charges of rioting filed against most protesters arrested at the inauguration were later dropped. Massey's court records could not immediately be obtained.)

"I think there should have been more violence."
Thomas Massey, speaking to The Washington Post in January 2017.

Keenan's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 6; Massey's is set for Dec. 13.

No further details have been released about the incident in which U.S. Marine reservists were allegedly attacked and robbed around 3:20 p.m. on Nov. 17 on Front Street near Chestnut, just a few blocks from the "We the People" rally and protest. Police have not identified how many victims were attacked and robbed or released any other information about the complainants.

According to the police report, on Nov. 19, the victims alleged that they "were approached by numerous males and females. The group of suspects called the complainants "Nazis" and "white supremacists." The suspects then maced the complainants, and proceeded to punch and kick them. During the assault, one of the complainants had his cellphone stolen from him by one of the male suspects. The offenders then fled.

No attorney could be reached for either defendant and the Philly Antifa chapter did not respond to requests for comment.

A third suspect remains unidentified and wanted by police.

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Number of missing in California's deadliest wildfire drops to 25

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The number of people listed as missing after California's deadliest wildfire has dropped again, to 25, down from a high of more than 1,200 about two weeks ago, officials said.

The death toll from the Camp Fire that all but obliterated the mountain-town community of Paradise in northern California stood unchanged at 88, the Butte County Sheriff's Department said late on Saturday in a statement.

On Friday, the department had said 49 were missing.

The roster of those unaccounted for has fluctuated widely since the fire erupted on Nov. 8 and swept through Paradise, a town once home to almost 27,000 people about 175 miles north of San Francisco.

Rebuilding Paradise after it was leveled by fire three weeks ago will pose a new massive challenge to the devastated mountain community — starting with complicated insurance claims for nearly 14,000 lost homes.

At least 88 people were killed in the Camp Fire, making the wildfire the deadliest in state history. Law enforcement officials say the search for remains in the ash and rubble has officially ended.

Some of those who escaped the flames only to find themselves homeless are expected to be allowed to return to inspect their properties as early as next week. Many will find themselves essentially starting over, facing months or even years of rebuilding and seeking compensation for their losses.

Christopher Gregg, whose home in Paradise was a total loss, said he's not getting answers to the question of when he will be compensated by his insurance company.

"They say, 'We'll let you know as soon as we can.' Well, when can we get back on our feet, is my question. I'd like to know ... when do we get a chance to resume some portion of our lives?" he said.

Insurance teams began gathering in Chico in the early days of the fire that erupted on Nov. 8 and rapidly engulfed Paradise, about 20 minutes away, and surrounding communities.

Working out of truck trailers, temporary tents, and recreational vehicles in mall parking lots, and equipped with generators and satellite communications, insurance adjusters say they have been stymied in part by a ban on flying drones over what is left of the town of 27,000.

"I'd like to know ... when do we get a chance to resume some portion of our lives?"

Christopher Gregg

Insurers responding to natural disasters typically use drones to obtain 360-degree views of damage when access is limited. But the drones have been restricted as crews work to clear downed trees and power lines, as well as burn debris and restore infrastructure.

A total of 7,579 fires have burned some 1,667,855 acres, an area roughly the size of Delaware, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Moody's last week estimated total insured losses at $10 billion to $15 billion from the Camp Fire and the Woolsey fire, which was burning at the same time in the foothills above Malibu in southern California.

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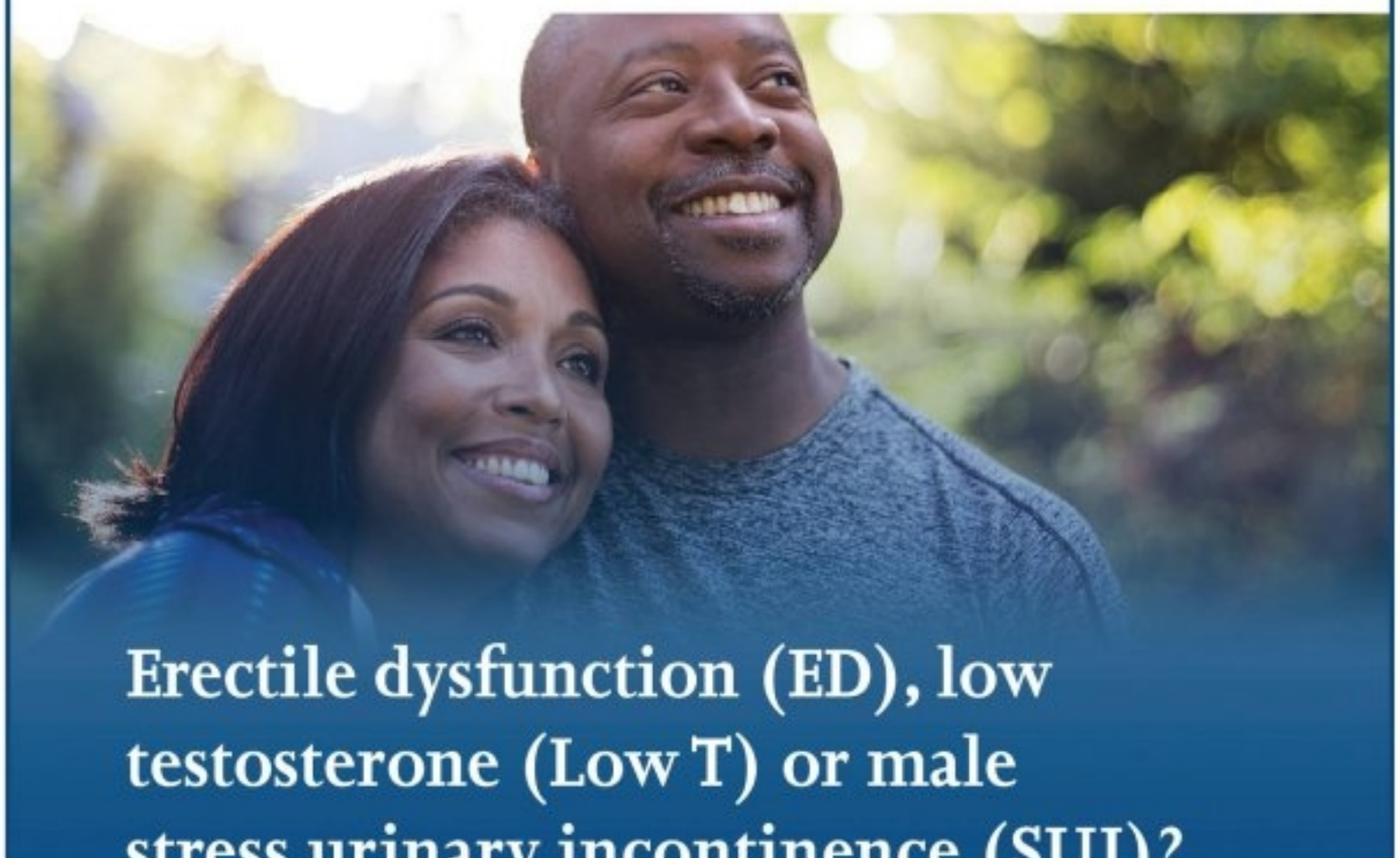

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Philly's second casino in the home stretch?

From Foxwoods to Cordish, it's a long time coming for Philadelphia's next gaming parlor.

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Remember when gambling in Philadelphia seemed so quaint?

The 1991 move by then-Mayor Ed Rendell to legalize riverboat gambling? The 2004 bid by then-Gov. Ed Rendell to bring slot machines into the state? The appeals from the gaming gods in 2006 that found Pennsylvania's gaming board awarding casino licenses to two ownership groups, SugarHouse and Foxwoods?

Then, the same year that SugarHouse opened and the slots law opened up to table games (2010), Foxwoods had to balk on the license after its group was unable to get the necessary financing approvals. Good times.

It is into this breach that Baltimore's Cordish Cos. have entered, announcing that they have taken complete ownership of the project developer Stadium Casino LLC and bought out the interest of Stadium's partner, the peeps at Parx Casino in Bensalem, for the long-proposed second Philly casino, Live! Hotel & Casino at the former Holiday Inn at 900 Packer Ave. Since Stadium has the right to open a casino in Westmoreland County, Cordish will do that project as well — alone.

The Cordish family and its development companies have several Live! projects around the country, such as Texas Live! and Kansas City Live!

Joseph Weinberg, managing director of Stadium Casino LLC (Stadium being an affiliate of The Cordish Companies) and the CEO of Cordish Global Gaming and its Global Cities Entertainment group, told regulators at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board last week that demolition of the former Holiday Inn should begin in December, and that construction of the $700-plus million casino and hotel would begin early in 2019 and conclude by 2020, with an opening date of December 2020 to commence gaming operations.

"The casino will help further the Stadium District as a premier sports and entertainment destination for the region, creating 3,000 direct and indirect construction jobs and 2,000 permanent jobs," said Weisberg in a prepared statement.

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"It will provide visitors to the stadiums and Xfinity Live! another compelling reason to visit the District and spend more time when they do.

"The existing structure on Packer Avenue will be demolished and replaced by a new, first-class destination hotel, casino and entertainment experience. Accordingly, we have increased our budget for the project to more than $700 million to ensure a truly national-caliber facility for the Philadelphia region to dine, stay and play."

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board agreed to a two-year extension of the project's original deadline, and — in gaming speak — we're off to the races on the future of that second slots parlor.

This time though, it's less of a threat than a promise, as Cordish has experience developing and fully operating its Live! Casino concepts in addition to having developed the first two Hard Rock Hotels in the U.S. outside the Vegas strip — the two Florida-based Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casinos, in Hollywood and Tampa, where many of the New Jersey execs for the Atlantic City Hard Rock originated.

When asked via email what was so attractive about that South Philadelphia property that has sat untouched since the Foxwoods failure, Weisberg responded: "The site for the new Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia is one of the great gaming entertainment locations in the country.

"Not only is it located directly off I-95 and I-76, two of the highest-volume highways in the U.S., but it is part of an integrated sports, entertainment, gaming and hospitality district already experiencing 8.5 million annual visitors. The Live! site is major-league in every respect."

Citizens Bank Park, the Lincoln Financial Stadium, the Wells Fargo Center, and Xfinity Live! all breathe and play within yards of the proposed new casino and hotel complex. Along with large-scale concerts and family entertainment, that complex is the only one in the United States that holds all of its major sports teams — the Eagles, the Flyers, the Phillies and the 76ers — within a bunt's length of each other, and a field goal away from scores of old-timey gamblers and new-school sports betting enthusiasts.

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READER WRITE-INS:

GRAMMAR POLICE!

This is a response to Bernadette, the Metro US reader who voiced her concern about the lax attitudes regarding grammar and fashion. No, Bernadette, you don't need to be "more chill." People need to reacquaint themselves with a dictionary and a mirror. While I must admit that a person's outer appearance doesn't mean that much to me (as long as he/she showers), I am saddened by the decline of America's intellectual acuity.

One popular trend is using nouns as verbs (example: "Where do you vacation?"). Today, newspapers, magazines and even books have countless errors in usage, spelling and grammar. Mistakes that have gone overlooked in a quest to be "first." Are we being dramatic, Bernadette? I think not. Anyone who believes otherwise should choose a person at random, at any location, and ask said individual to use the word "literally" in a sentence. Prepare yourself for the willful ignorance that springs forth.

— **Eric,** *Unapologetic Grammar Police*

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KINDNESS ON THE SUBWAY

Today there was an older man who was probably in his early 70s, who was very well-dressed and was obviously on his way home from work, getting on the subway. He wanted to get a seat and he tried to take a step over a person's feet as the train started moving and he took a really bad fall on the person he was trying to step over. Rather than get really angry and shove the guy off, which is a thing that most people would have done, the man who was being fallen on top of held the guy up and made sure he didn't fall onto the ground and sat him up on his seat and made sure he was okay. The older man who fell thanked him and apologized and made sure the guy was okay. Instead of being like, "Nah, I'm good" and putting his headphones back in, the younger man was like "No, stop apologizing! I just wanted to make sure that you're okay." He was very nice and humble about it. When the old man left the train, he grabbed the young man by the shoulder and thanked him again. The young man went to give him a fist bump and the older man didn't really know what to do so denied him the fist bump!

— **Anonymous,** *Metro New York reader*

Please remember to send your Humbles to **humble@metro.us**. These submissions can be acts of gratitude, positivity or kindness that you have seen throughout the day.

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Aries If you are intent on making a change, focus on self-improvement instead of trying to alter someone else. Don't neglect your responsibilities or you will face criticism.

Taurus Share your thoughts and make plans or arrangements to visit or talk to an older relative who would appreciate the gesture. A kind action will get you in the festive spirit.

Gemini Don't leave anything to chance. If you trust in someone, you'd better be sure that he or she doesn't have ulterior motives. Moderation will be in your best interest.

Cancer You'll find the perfect way to update your image or a special outfit for a festive event. Romance is on the rise and can lead to a closer bond with a loved one.

Leo Keep life simple. You may feel like getting into the spirit of the season, but putting your health first will help you avoid a bug that's spreading through your community.

Virgo You'll do best if you are out and about. Shopping, attending business functions or making changes to your legal or financial papers will help you avoid domestic problems.

Libra Taking a short trip or making plans to travel during the holiday season will lift your spirits. The information you are offered will open your eyes to a situation you are facing at home.

Scorpio The personal changes you put into play will be well-received. Whether it's adopting a new look, decorating your home or doing something for an old friend or relative, it will be gratifying.

Sagittarius Take care of responsibilities and get ahead. The time you put in now will pay off when you want to spend time with friends and family as the year comes to a close.

Capricorn Take a wait-and-see approach when dealing with anyone who tends to be unpredictable. A practical attitude will help you deal with any uncertainty that comes your way.

Aquarius Look at and make changes to personal documents that may be time-sensitive. Taking care of business before you move on to more pleasurable activities will ease stress.

Pisces A little nurturing will go a long way. Make a promise to someone special, and don't renege. Aim to end the year on a high note and in better financial shape. EUGENIA LAST

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Fans will see a different side of Joel this season. AMAZON STUDIOS

Michael Zegen seeks redemption in 'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel' season 2

The actor talks about playing Joel, the closest thing to an antagonist the hit show has.

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The events of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," season one, are set into motion when Joel Maisel (Michael Zegen), a businessman and would-be stand-up comedian, leaves his wife Miriam (Midge) (Rachel Brosnahan) and their two children for his secretary. As a result, his personal and professional life spirals out of control, while Midge's blossoms. She moves in with her parents, gets a day job and becomes one of New York's most-talked-about comics.

It's easy to see Midge's success as the ultimate revenge against Joel, whose character is the closest "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" ever really gets to having an antagonist. As Zegen tells Metro, however, Joel was never meant to be a simple foil for Midge's triumphs. On the contrary, he's a flawed human being who makes mistakes, learns from most of them and tries to make things right — albeit from his limited perspective.

"You'll be seeing a different side of Joel this season. You'll see a more human side of him," he says. "In the first season, he's really the antagonist. I mean, there's not really an antagonist, but he kind of takes that position in most people's minds. But I think he's less of an antagonist in the second season, and more of somebody who's kind of rooting for Midge to succeed. That ends up being a kind of redemption for him."

And there's the rub, for despite what Joel did to Miriam and their two children, he's one of the first people to recognize how great she is on stage. He quickly realizes what she's capable of, and even though it remains a thorn between them, he knows she should keep doing it. After all, by the end of the first season, he's one of the only people who knows what she gets up to at night.

"Joel is one of the few people who knows what she's been up to," he says. "And what she's been doing is beginning to have a ripple effect now, especially on him. Obviously, more people are going to eventually discover what she's been up to later this season or next, but for now, he's the one."

He's also the one who, despite what audiences may have felt was their better judgment, many have come to sympathize with. Midge remains front and center throughout season two, but that doesn't mean that showrunner Amy Sherman-Palladino and Dan Palladino weren't going to give everyone else their due. This even includes Joel.

"It was always our intention that Joel was going to be the love of her life then, now and probably always," says Sherman-Palladino. "Unfortunately, for some things, the timing is off. Maybe you run into that person at the wrong time or your lives take you in different directions. But you understand what the relationship is and you don't blame Midge for falling in love with him in the first place."

"The initial reaction makes sense," adds Zegen. "I think it hits a nerve with a lot of people, perhaps because they've been wronged, cheated on or something like that. Hopefully, however, I'm playing it as real as possible, because getting that sort of a reaction from those who watch the show is not necessarily a bad thing. If somebody is feeling something because of my performance, then that's what you want as an actor."

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" season two premieres Wednesday on Amazon Prime.

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2SP Brewing and Wawa partnered up to launch their new Winter Reserve coffee stout.

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Wawa lovers, stout drinkers and coffee addicts, unite (if you're all three Christmas just came early): The beloved convenience store chain and the popular 2SP Brewing Company partnered up to come out with the limited edition Winter Reserve coffee stout. The collaborative brew is an oatmeal stout steeped with Wawa's limited edition winter-blend coffee. Here is where and how to get the new stout and coffee creation.

It seems that 2SP picked Wawa coffee because of the perfect taste combination, the new seasonal brew boats rich flavors like sweet clove, dark chocolate and graham crackers. The Winter Reserve Coffee Stout was brewed by award-winning Head Brewer, Bob Barrar, in partnership with Wawa's Manager of Concept Development and coffee guru Michael McLaughlin. Barrar who has won over 30 Great American Beer Fest Medals and 11 World Beer Cups is confident in the flavor palette of the brew.

"The oatmeal stout has a balanced sweetness that showcases the full range of flavors from the Wawa Reserve Blend with an added velvety mouthfeel," said Barrar.

The new flavors from the Wawa Reserve Blend that Barrar mentioned come from a new line of small-batch, specialty-grade coffees. The beans used to make the coffee are picked at the height of their ripeness and are chosen very carefully according to overall cup quality, consistency and the unique characteristics of their country of origin. "We're thrilled to team up with 2SP to create a Winter Reserve coffee stout using our new limited-edition Wawa Reserve Winter Blend, allowing us to add even more value to our customer experience just in time for the holidays," said Wawa Chief Product Marketing Officer Mike Sherlock.

The Winter Reserve coffee stout will only be available for one week (the week of Dec. 10) for purchase at neighborhood bars, bottle shops, and distributors in the five-county Philadelphia metropolitan area. However, there are only going to be 1,000 cases of this limited-edition delicious brew, so if you want one, there is no time to waste.

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"Collaborating with our neighbors at Wawa is a truly special experience," said Michael Contreras, Director of Sales & Marketing for 2SP Brewing Company. "For us, it is an opportunity to work with people that bring the best out in our community. We are from a region that is home to warriors for the working day. It is part of our morning ritual to get to Wawa for our morning coffee. No matter who you are, where you're from, or what you do, Wawa brings together people from all walks and has achieved something of a mythical status because of the variety and quality it offers. In some small way, we try to do the same with our beers."

The new stout launches this month. PUNCH MEDIA

In addition to the exciting launch and exclusive first pours, patrons will have the opportunity to purchase the first 50 cases, priced at $12.99 per four-pack/16 oz. cans. So be sure to mark your calendars, the launch of the new Winter Reserve coffee stout is fast approaching.

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Fun things to do in Philly this week

Make your own gingerbread masterpiece, enjoy a happy hour with some furry friends and more.

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Looking for some fun and unique things to do in Philly this week? We've got you covered.

Christmas Baking Class

High St. on Market's Chef Manuyag and his team are leading this hands-on interactive class where guests will learn how to bake classic Christmas treats step-by-step including a yule log, apple pie and gingerbread cookies. While baking, guests can also enjoy some tasty treats from the High Street Kitchen and can even take the recipes of the desserts they make home with them.

Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., High Street on Market, 308 Market St., $95, highstreetonmarket.com

Pittie Party Holiday Edition

The monthly yappy hour at the Trestle Inn celebrates our furry friends, specifically pit bulls, and all animal-lovers in Philly are invited to this special holiday event. For every adorable dog that finds their forever home at the Pittie Party yappy hours, that month's rescue partner will pledge to open a spot in their adoption program for a pit bull from ACCT Philly's shelter. A ticket to the event also includes a make your own ornament for your pet station, two complimentary Tito's Cocktails, adoptable dogs onsite and classic Go Go by The Trestle Specials.

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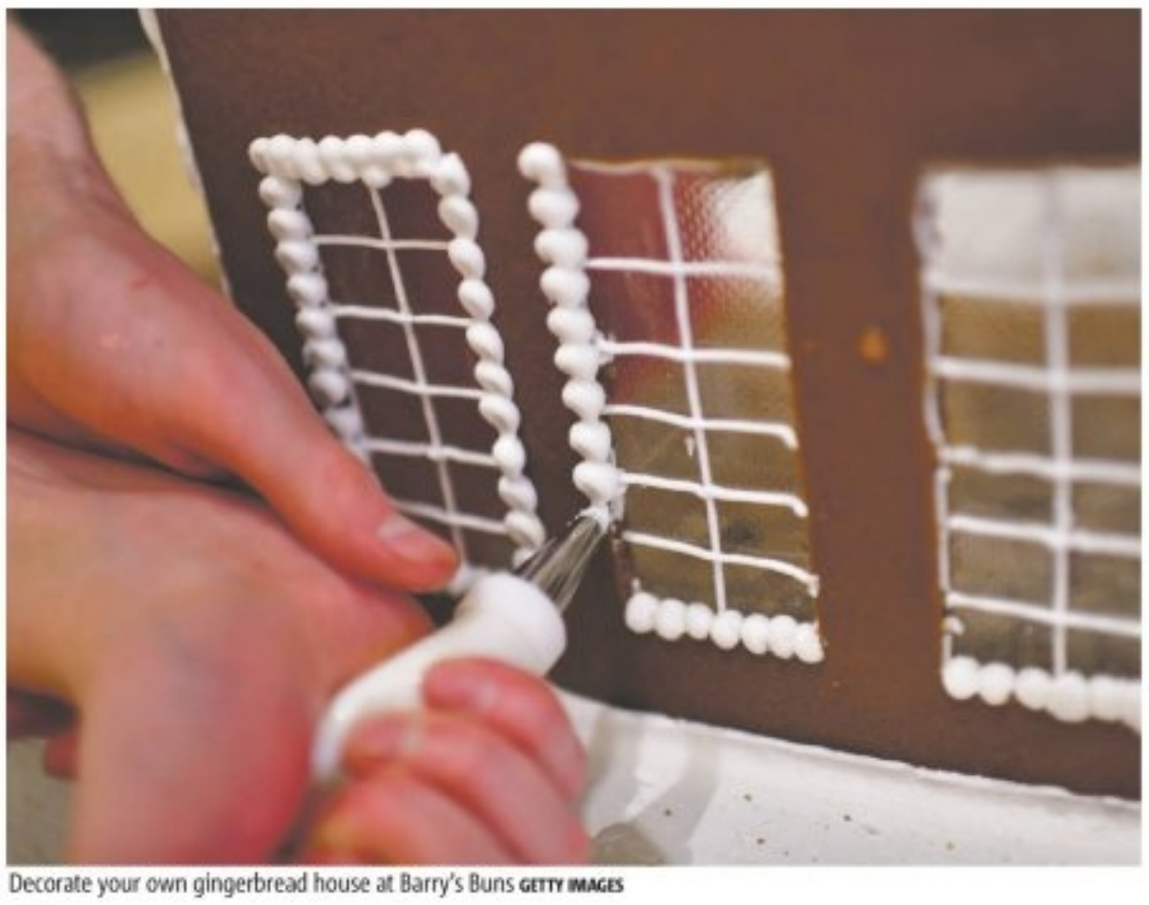

Decorate your own gingerbread house at Barry's Buns GETTY IMAGES

Brewery and enjoy other savory dishes such as shrimp and grits (served with bacon cream sauce and scallions), charred tomato sauce pasta, smoked beets (served with dill yogurt and pine nuts), Oreo pie and much more. *Dec. 4, reservations available, Bar Amis, 4503 S. Broad St., prices vary, amistrattoria.com*

Holly Nights at the Pennsbury Manor

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Gingerbread House Workshop

Barry's Buns located in the newly opened Bourse Food Hall will host six Gingerbread House Workshops in December, the first will be on Dec. 5. Guests will receive all the tasty ingredients they need to create their perfect house including one extra large fresh-baked gingerbread house, royal icing and tasty fixings for decorations. Groups of 10 or more will receive discounts. If you want to do your holiday treat decorating at home, you're in luck, Barry's Buns will also be selling prebuilt gingerbread houses during the month of December. *Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., The Bourse Food Hall, 11 S. Independence Mall E., $75, barrysbuns.com*

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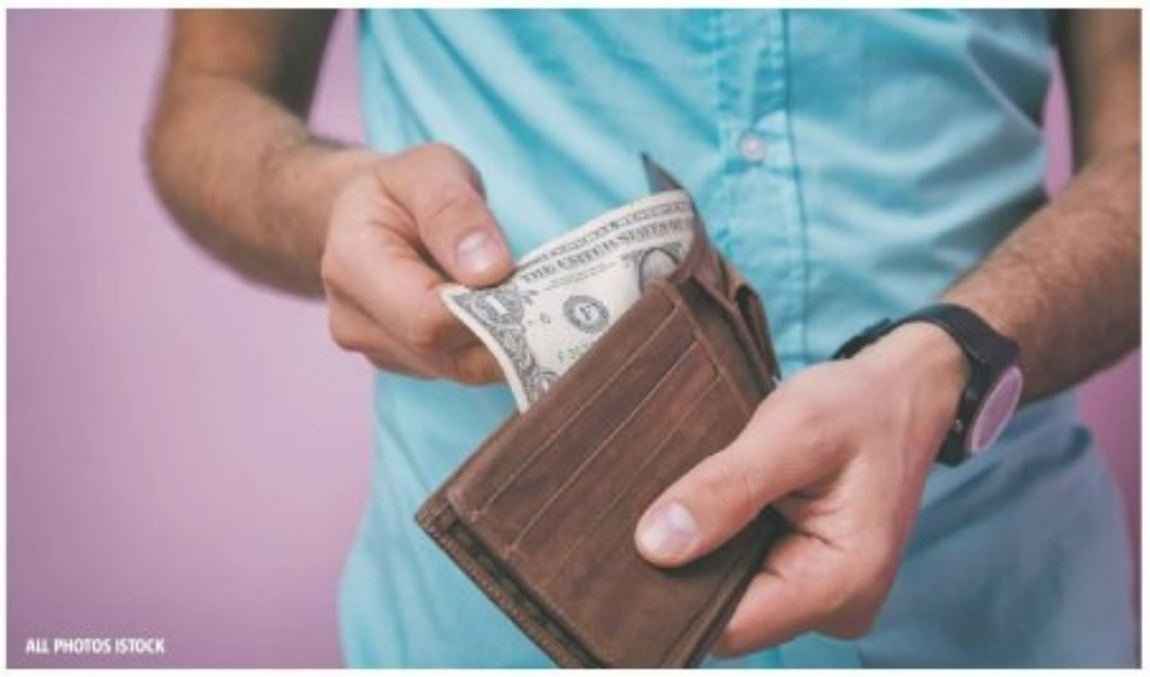
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Peter Starkey's debt repayment approach is like his weight loss method: Buckle down and do it.

For the 26-year-old, that means making monthly student loan payments on the standard repayment plan — even though he could pay less on a different plan — and practicing healthy diet and exercise habits.

It's effective. Starkey graduated from George Washington University in 2014 with about $40,000 in student loans and has paid down roughly half. He also owns a home, ran a half-marathon in October and has shed 55 pounds since January 2018.

The payoff strategy success is incremental for Starkey. He still owes about $19,000 in student loans, plus credit card and car debt. But he steadily chips away at those balances while also covering mortgage payments, home repairs and retirement savings.

Starkey earns $42,000 a year as executive director at Monadnock Peer Support, a small mental health nonprofit in Keene, New Hampshire.

Starkey chronicled his spending during a recent typical week to show how money influences his day-to-day decisions.

DAY 1: Monday coffee cravings

*Total spending: **$0.***

8 a.m. and my alarm goes off. Although I would love a Starbucks or Dunkin', I forgo them and decide to get coffee at work, where it's free.

I boil an egg, my usual "breakfast of champions" lately. That's a savings of about $3 to $5 compared to buying a breakfast sandwich, plus it has protein and fewer calories.

I get to work, pour my free coffee, and work until lunch. I'm tempted to get takeout Indian food, but in the back of my head I'm thinking of some big purchases I had to make on the house and car, so I need to make sure I have enough money to pay bills.

This week is pay week, so I start to think about my expenses. I know my student loans have to be paid, so I tick off that amount from the total in my head. My mortgage is also due next week. Essentially, all of my paycheck will be drained on those two expenses.

DAY 2: Election Day

*Total spending: **$40.26** for gas, which will be reimbursed through work.*

I go to the polls at 8:30 a.m. to vote. I think about which candidates are going to support my financial success. Will this candidate support student loan reform? Will they establish programs and incentives for young people like me? Are they a good person to trust with my taxes? Will they raise my taxes? All of these questions rush through my head in that tiny voting stall. It's daunting, thinking about the future and savings.

I stop and get gas because I have to drive to meetings at the [New Hampshire State] Capitol tomorrow. I pick up payroll from my nonprofit's bookkeeper, which includes a check for my mileage reimbursement.

I start to think of my upcoming bills. It didn't help that I had to get new tires last week — damn flats. Student loans pop into my head. I'll need to move some money around to cover them, given an unexpected furnace expense.

I come home to a medical bill. It's not expensive, but I have to sit down at some point

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and write up which bills need to be paid with this coming paycheck. Going out will be limited this month.

My friends invite me out for a drink to watch election results. I stop by my mother's house to raid her leftovers — if I have dinner there, maybe I won't spend $12 to $15 on food.

At the bar afterward, I opt for seltzer water over alcohol because I need to pay my loans and such. I snag a couple of fries from a friend and enjoy the company.

DAY 3: Dieting on a budget

*Total spending: **$17** for coffee, salad and a cookie.*

I wake up and all I want is some greasy diner food. Being on a weight-loss kick and trying to save money sucks. Have I mentioned I hate oatmeal? Well, ladies and gentlemen, today I had oatmeal and I survived … barely.

My assistant made a comment that none of my clothes are fitting me. He starts planning a shopping trip for winter clothes and my mind goes to, "How can I cut costs to cover this?"

I'm presenting at a regional community health meeting tomorrow and my presentation partner asks to meet at a coffee shop. I order the bougiest coffee on the menu: Equatorial bold. I quickly wonder if I could expense this through work, but the nonprofit life isn't that generous.

I finish up at work and head to the gym with a former co-worker. Afterward, she twists my arm into going out to eat. It was $11 I didn't want to spend, but it's the first meal I've bought all week, so I call it a win. My impulse buy of the day is a $3 cookie.

DAY 4: Divvying up the paycheck

*Total spending: **$0.***

I wake up early for a meeting and I'm already nervous because I have to do a presentation. This would usually cause me to treat myself to Dunkin' or Starbucks, but I resist.

The rest of the day is fairly standard, so I go through and start mapping out my bills for the paycheck I just got:

$500 furnace repair;
$230 student loan payment;
$1,200 mortgage payment;
$150 medical bill.

Definitely more expenses than income, but luckily I've been preparing for this. Not eating out helps a lot. I can push the medical bills until my next paycheck, so I call and just submit a $20 payment. The furnace needs to be paid; I can use my roommate's rent to cover that. My entire paycheck will go to the mortgage (yikes), and the mileage reimbursement from work will cover my student loans. My credit card bill and car payment usually happen on the second bill of the month, and I'll have money left over to cover other expenses.

DAY 5: Saturday grocery shopping

*Total spending: **$47.60** for coffee, parking, and groceries.*

I wake up and realize I desperately need to go grocery shopping, which is kind of an issue since I've already talked about my nonexistent bank account balance after bills. I usually try to purchase groceries with my second monthly paycheck, but I need to eat.

Afterward, I head to the store. I usually avoid shopping while hungry, and all the carbs and calories are shouting out at me. I grab my essentials for breakfast and lunch: bananas and eggs. The chips call my name from across the store as I try to buy carrots, a healthier snack.

For dinner this week, I opt for chicken. It's a great source of protein, and it's cheap and quick to make. Pro meal prep tip: Buy a pressure cooker — it will transform how you cook. I can cook a frozen chicken breast in 10 minutes.

DAY 6: Spending distractions

*Total spending: **$0.***

I'm an extrovert 100%, and staying at home kills me. This doesn't help my wallet because things like brunch, happy hour and daytrips call my name.

I opt for something that will keep me occupied and not spending money: cleaning. I clean the entire house and raked the front lawn. Success!

My mother invites me over for dinner, which means good, healthy food for free. I leave with enough leftovers for about three meals, a win for my wallet. I spend the night hanging out with a friend at his house and call it a night.

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BET OF THE DAY

The final four matchups in college football are set, but both semifinal games have double-digit lines. Curious. Alabama won by just a touchdown on Saturday against Georgia. Gotta think Oklahoma can keep it tight. - MATT BURKE

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Eagles vs. Redskins: 3 Things to watch on MNF

The Eagles are trying to avoid becoming the latest team to finish with a losing record the season after winning the Super Bowl.

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A couple of weeks ago, it appeared as if the Philadelphia Eagles' season was going down the drain as they lost to the Dallas Cowboys at home and then followed it up with an ugly loss a week later against the New Orleans Saints.

However, they now have new life when it comes to the NFC East race, despite the Cowboys pulling the upset over the Saints on Thursday night. If the Eagles can beat Washington (6-5) tonight (8:15 p.m. ET, ESPN), they will only be one game behind Dallas for the division lead.

It will not be an easy game for the defending Super Bowl champs as they have still not played a complete game yet. Also, Washington is looking to snap their two-game losing streak after losing to Dallas, 31-23, on Thanksgiving.

What must the Eagles do to secure a much-needed victory in prime time? Here are three things to watch out for in this Week 13 division battle.

KEEPING A BALANCED OFFENSIVE ATTACK

Last Sunday against the New York Giants, Eagles head coach Doug Pederson and offensive coordinator Mike Groh did a great job by mistake of having a balanced offensive attack.

After only giving eight total carries to both Corey Clement and Josh Adams in the first half, the Eagles made it a point to pound the rock with Adams in the second half.

The undrafted free agent out of Notre Dame did a great job of moving the chains and racked up 80 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries in the final two quarters. The 6-foot-2 Adams has 291 rushing yards over the last three games and is making it clear that he is Philly's lead back.

Furthermore, in their five wins this season, the Eagles are averaging 127 yards per game on the ground. If this is the case, then that is good news for quarterback Carson Wentz, who only had one touchdown pass last week but did not have any turnovers.

For the Eagles to have a chance to win, Pederson and the rest of the Eagles' offensive coaching staff must feed Adams but also mix in Clement, which should open up things for Wentz in the passing game.

Washington's defense is also liable to give up big passing plays, which we saw on Thanksgiving against Dallas.

FORCING COLT MCCOY TO WIN THE GAME

Heading into tonight's contest, Washington is looking to get back on the winning side of things with newly cemented starting quarterback Colt McCoy. McCoy made his first start on Thanksgiving after the Redskins lost Alex Smith the previous week to a season-ending leg injury.

In his first start against Dallas, McCoy did not look great as he had three interceptions along with two touchdowns and threw for 268 yards. The Cowboys defense also sacked him three times and made it a point of emphasis to shut down Washington's running game, which only had 80 yards (28 from McCoy).

Therefore, the game plan for the Eagles defense is quite simple tonight. If they can contain the running back tandem of Adrian Peterson and Chris Thompson, who are both listed as probable for the game, and apply pressure to McCoy, then they should come away with a few takeaway opportunities.

Last week, Philly's defense did a great job of shutting down the Giants offense in the second half (56 total yards), after giving up 346 yards of offense in the first half.

WENTZ MIGHT BE DUE FOR A HUGE GAME

If the Eagles want to extend their winning streak and make the playoffs, they will need Wentz to return to his MVP-caliber form from last season.

After having one of the worst games in his career against the Saints, Wentz bounced back last Sunday, completing 71 percent of his passes for 236 yards and a touchdown. While there was not a lot of big plays through the air against the Giants, Wentz made the throws that he needed to.

However, against Washington, the Eagles will need those big passing plays from him. And if history serves us correctly, then he should able to do that en route to a huge game.

Last season, the former second overall pick picked Washington's defense apart for six touchdowns and two interceptions with a completion percentage of 67.4. Overall, Wentz is completing 65.2 percent of his passes for 1,068 yards, seven touchdowns and three interceptions in four games versus Washington.

In addition to those stats plus Washington's defense, allowing on average 5.7 first-quarter points over the last three contests, it seems like a prime situation for Wentz to have that breakout game, which we were so used to seeing last season.

Modern-day Big 5 'doubleheader' turns memorable

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No, the Big 5 are not what they used to be, and in fact, never will be again. But every once in a while, Penn, Temple, La Salle, Saint Joseph's and Villanova wake up the echoes and remind us of how it once was.

That's what happened on Saturday, when a modern-day Big 5 "doubleheader" took place. At 3 p.m. ET, Jay Wright's Villanova Wildcats — perennial kings of the city the last six years, not to mention the rest of the country — took on La Salle and his winless former assistant Ashley Howard at the hallowed Palestra.

A game which on paper seemed like a potential blowout turned instead into an old-fashioned Big 5 classic as 'Nova, after trailing much of the way, came on strong in the second half for an 85-78 win to drop the Explorers to 0-8.

Then, at 5:30 p.m. ET, some 10 miles away, two other familiar foes, Temple and SJU, met on Hawk Hill. Before the game, longtime Owls coach Fran Dunphy, who'll be handing over the reins to assistant Aaron McKie after this season, received a rousing ovation from the St. Joe's faithful, which his opponent and close friend Phil Martelli said later was richly deserved.

Dunphy's Owls proceeded to start slowly, just as Villanova did, then turned up the defensive screws in the second half and knocked down just enough shots to post a 77-70 decision. In the process, the 7-1 Owls set the stage for a potential Big 5 title showdown when they square off against the 6-2 Wildcats on Wednesday at 'Nova's refurbished Pavilion.

"Knowing that it's coach's last year, we want to get him a Big 5 title," said Temple senior Shizz Alston Jr., who scored 15 points as Temple overcame a 41-33 halftime deficit to go 2-0 in Big 5 play.

"Me being from Philly, I want a Big 5 title myself," he added. "But [Dunphy] deserves it. Growing up, he was one of the biggest legends in Philly as a coach that I looked up to."

"That's nice of him to say for me," responded Dunphy, whose club outscored the 4-4 Hawks 44-29 in the second half, breaking open a 60-60 game by draining three straight 3-pointers.

"I want him to win it for himself and his teammates," added Dunphy. "It's not an easy task. We'll have a very difficult game, a very challenging game as today [Saturday] was on Wednesday at Villanova."

It hasn't been challenging for Wright & Co., however, who have now won 23 consecutive Big 5 games stretching back to 2012. Only a handful of them have been at the Palestra, where the players knew the history even if they didn't glance at the video board.

That is where they flashed highlights of the classic 1969 showdown where Ken Durrett and Larry Cannon's Explorers — with guard Fran Dunphy on the bench — knocked off Howard Porter's Wildcats.

"It's a great environment," said 'Nova's Eric Paschall, whose 27 points were instrumental in helping the No. 23-ranked 'Cats avoid the upset. "They have a great tradition here. A lot of great games have been played in this building."

However, it didn't surprise Wright that this game turned out to be one of them.

"It's a Big 5 game, what can I say?" said a relieved Wright. "It brings me back to childhood, every time I step in this building. Then, once the game starts, I just know crazy things are going to happen. You try to prepare your team for that. Our young guys got a taste of that in this game."

Once upon a time, all Big 5 games were played there. But that was before new arenas began to spring up on campuses and the games began to move around. Yet, as far as LaSalle's concerned, playing at the larger-capacity Palestra over 3,400-seat Tom Gola Arena was a no-brainer.

"The capacity, the number of people who want to watch the game has always been my criteria for playing a game," said LaSalle Athletic Director Bill Bradshaw. "The game is best suited here."

His coach agreed as well. "I love it because we have an opportunity to play a Big 5 game at the Palestra," said Howard, who had to play without injured leading scorer Pookie Powell, but stayed in the game until the final minute.

"As a guy who grew up here, I can't think of anything better than playing on a Saturday afternoon against a nationally-ranked opponent. I love the fact we can come downtown, have a bigger crowd and have a Big 5 battle like this," he explained.

The Big 5 may never be the way that it was, but on one crisp December Saturday, this wasn't so bad. JON MARKS

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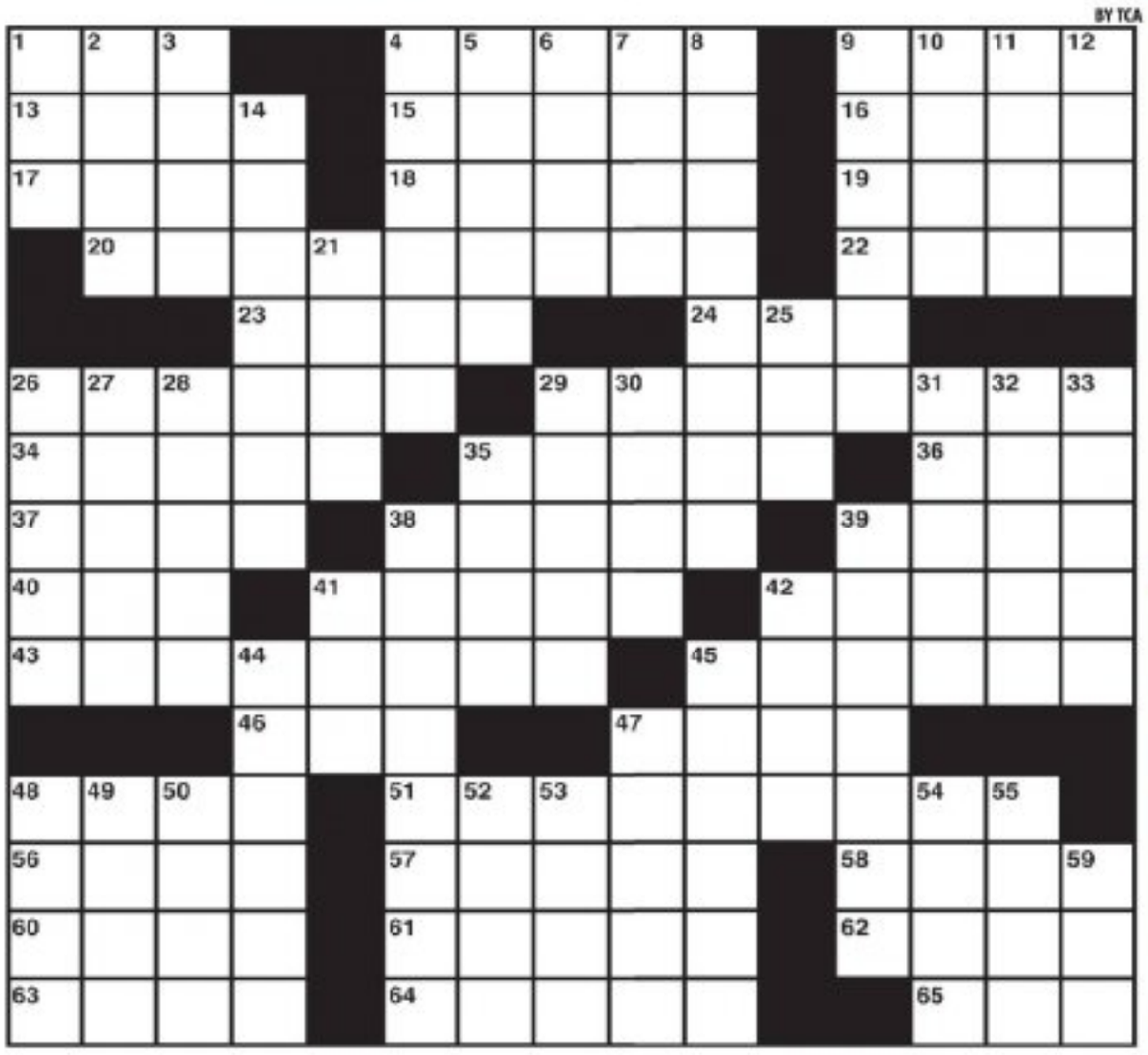

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4 U.S. state capital
9 Prefix for enemy or bishop
13 Wood splitters
15 Refrain syllables
16 Place to store fodder
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18 Downey & others
19 Sign of an old wound
20 Mirth
22 Cedar Rapids' state
23 Verdi opera
24 Suffix for baron or host
26 Drink
29 __ as an arrow
34 Lunch hours
35 Gave a pink slip to
36 Regulation
37 Sounds from a pigeon coop
38 Summoned with a beeper
39 Valley
40 Gore and his dad
41 Glow
42 Serving implement
43 Carryalls
45 Most resentful
46 Cry of discovery
47 Attack and injure
48 Nocturnal birds
51 Leaving high and dry
56 "Phooey!"
57 Get up
58 Element whose symbol is Ne
60 Shabby nightclub
61 Furniture blemishes
62 Fence door
63 Asterisk
64 Browned bread
65 Uncooked

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1 Boxer's foot
2 Quiz
3 Cowboy Autry
4 Take long steps
5 Fragrance
6 Kind of duck
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